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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number 24 with the following replacement paragraph.

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Referring now to Figure 5, endshield 10 includes capacitor cover 14 extending from body 12 and mounting ears 16 extending from body 12. Slots 54 of mounting ears 16 are shown as pointing in a generally counterclockwise circumferential direction, away from second side 60. Because slots 54 form a continuous opening through mounting ear 16 from opening 52 through first side 50, and because slots 54 point in generally the same circumferential direction, motor assembly 80, including endshield 10, can be easily removed from a machine (not shown) or appliance (not shown) by loosening the mounting bolts (not shown) or nuts (not shown) and rotating motor assembly 80, clockwise as shown in Figure 5, on central axis 84. Endshield 10 thus permits assembly and disassembly of motor assembly 80, including endshield 10, without complete removal of the mounting bolts or nuts. In an alternative embodiment, endshield 10 includes two mounting ears 16 having slots 54 that point in generally opposite circumferential directions. In such an embodiment, motor assembly 80, including endshield 10, can be easily removed by loosening the mounting bolts (not shown) or nuts (not shown), and moving motor assembly 80 in a direction such that the mounting bolts or nuts can exit slots 54.